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March 29, 2021

Dear Majority Leader Billig, Minority Leader Braun, Speaker Jinkins, and Minority Leader Wilcox,

We are writing to request your immediate assistance and attention to ending the governor's state of emergency concerning COVID-19. We are now more than one year past the date when Gov. Inslee issued his "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order on March 23, 2020.

Thankfully, we have been seeing trends move in the right direction. Case numbers have been in decline, hospitalizations due to COVID-19 are down, schools have started in-person learning again, and last week restaurants, theatres, indoor and outdoor sports venues moved to 50% re-opening capacity.

We are encouraged by these steps and the course we are on to fully return to normal. The people of Washington have been telling us they are ready to get back to living life to the fullest. We are at an important point in this journey and need to ensure our ability as elected leaders to deliver on their request.

There is less than one month left of the 2021 legislative session. For the reasons above, we are asking you as our Senate and House leaders to prioritize and take action to end the COVID-19 emergency declaration before this session ends. We are here to support your efforts and work on behalf of our constituents. It's time we truly move forward and together ensure a strong future for Washington.

Sincerely,

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Representative Rob Chase

4th Legislative District



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